

Claims 1 – 46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (new)

47. A systematically determined colour coded key ID comprising a colour content signal, wherein:

the signal is usable by a person, and
the colour content comprises at least one colour, and
the colour coded key ID is physically coupled to a key and or for physical coupling to a key.

Claim 48 (new)

48. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 47 wherein at least part of the colour content signal is provided by a first characteristic region of the colour coded key ID and the colour content provided by the first characteristic region comprises at least one colour that is a member of a group of distinctive colours usable with the system and wherein the characterization of the region comprises at least one of colour, shape, size or position.

Claim 49 (new)

49. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 48 wherein the colour coded key ID is for use with an electrically operable system arranged to:

receive information related to a lock operable by the key
and
output colour information associable with colour content provided by said first characteristic region.

Claim 50 (new)

50. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 48 further comprising at least one of:

a second, and preferably third and preferably fourth characteristic region of the colour coded key ID:
wherein part of the colour content signal is contributed to by each implemented second, third and or fourth characteristic regions
and

the colour content provided by each implemented characteristic region comprises at least one colour that is a member of said group of distinctive colours.

and

wherein the characterization of the implemented characteristic regions each comprise at least one of colour, shape, size or position.

Claim 51 (new)

51. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 50 wherein the area of the first characteristic region is larger than each implemented second, third and or fourth characteristic region.

Claim 52 (new)

52. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 47 further comprising information related to the colour content of the signal wherein the information is readable by an electrically operable device and preferably wherein the information is stored in a digital format.

Claim 53 (new)

53. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 52 wherein said information readable by an electrically operable device is for transfer to a computer arranged to use the transferred information to determine information pertaining to the colour content of the signal.

Claim 54 (new)

54. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 52 wherein said information readable by an electrically operable device is stored in electrically operable memory accessible using at least one of: RFID or the transfer of data on the same electrical conductor providing power to the electrically operable memory.

Claim 55 (new)

55. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 48 further comprising information related to the colour content of the signal wherein the information is stored in a digital format and the information comprises at least one predetermined bit location in the

digital format, said location or locations associative with the colour content of the signal pertaining to said first characteristic region.

Claim 56 (new)

56. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 55 wherein the predetermined bit location or locations pertaining to the first characteristic region is consistent for a plurality of colour coded key ID.

Claim 57 (new)

57. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 56 wherein the digital content of the predetermined at least one bit location pertaining to the first characteristic region is a first content for a first member of said group of distinguishable colours and a second content for a second member of said group, said first and second content preferably distinct.

Claim 58 (new)

58. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 50 further comprising information related to the colour content of the signal wherein the information is stored in a digital format and the information comprises at least one predetermined bit location of said digital format that is associative with the colour content of the signal pertaining to said first characteristic region and at least one predetermined bit location of said digital format that is associative with the colour content of the signal pertaining to said second characteristic region, wherein said bit location or locations pertaining to the first characteristic region are distinct to the bit location or locations pertaining to the second characteristic region.

Claim 59 (new)

59. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 58 wherein the digital content of the predetermined at least one bit location pertaining to the first and or second characteristic region is a first content for a first member of said group of distinguishable colours and a second content for a second member of said group, said first and second content preferably distinct.

Claim 60 (new)

60. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 47 wherein the system

provides for a predetermined systematic arrangement to store information pertaining to said signal in computer accessible memory of a computer and preferably wherein the computer is integral to a portable electrically operable key grouping device.

Claim 61 (new)

61. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 60 wherein the information pertaining to the signal includes information relating to at least a first colour comprising said colour content.

Claim 62 (new)

62. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 61 wherein the first colour is a member of a group of distinctive colours usable with the system and preferably wherein the arrangement to store information comprises a digital format with first content for a first colour of a first distinctive colour of said group and second content for a first colour of a second distinctive colour of said group.

Claim 63 (new)

63. A systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 60 wherein the signal comprises colour content of at least a first and second colour,

wherein:

the first colour is provided by a first characteristic region of the colour coded key ID and

the second colour is provided by a second characteristic region of the colour coded key ID

and

the information pertaining to the signal includes information used to determine the colour of said first characteristic region and the colour of said second characteristic region.

Claim 64 (new)

64. The systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 63 wherein the first and second colours are members of a group of distinctive colours usable with the system; and

preferably wherein the arrangement to store information comprises a digital content of:

first content for:

a first colour of a colour of a first member of said group

and

a second colour of a colour of a second member of said group,

and

second content for:

a first colour of a colour of a second member of said group

and

a second colour of a first distinctive colour of said group,

and

the first and second content are preferably distinct.

Claim 65 (new)

65. The systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 60 wherein the colour coded key ID is referenced as a first colour coded key ID and the computer is further arranged to provide a systematic arrangement to derive colour content information from said stored information related to the first colour coded key ID whereby the colour content information pertains to the colour content signal.

Claim 66 (new)

66. The systematically determined colour coded key ID as claimed in claim 65 wherein the computer is further arranged to derive colour content information from stored information pertaining to a second colour coded key ID sharing the system of the first colour coded key ID wherein the colour content information pertains to the colour content signal of the second colour coded key ID.

Claim 67 (new)

67. An electrically operable system comprising a computer, an electrically operable display and computer accessible memory wherein the memory stores:
information related to at least a first key and a first lock operable by the first key, and
information facilitating the storage and or determination of colour coded information physically coupled to at least said first key.

Claim 68 (new)

68. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 67 wherein the colour coded information physically coupled to the key is systematically determined.

Claim 69 (new)

69. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 68 wherein the key is physically coupled to digital content related to the colour coded information and preferably wherein said digital content is systematically determined.

Claim 70 (new)

70. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 67 wherein the information facilitating the storage and or determination of colour coded information physically coupled to said first key comprises digital content systematically associative with at least one of:
a first, second, third and or fourth characteristic coloured region pertaining to said colour coded information.

Claim 71 (new)

71. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 70 wherein said digital content is systematically associative with a plurality of colour coded key ID's physically coupled to a plurality of respective keys.

Claim 72 (new)

72. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 67 integral in part at least to one of: PDA, mobile phone, cellular phone, electronic key fob, portable key grouping device, personal computer, a computer coupled to the internet.

Claim 73 (new)

73. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 67 further comprising at least one device to transfer information by wire and or wireless to a second computer.

Claim 74 (new)

74. An electrically operable system for identifying at least a first key for an associated first lock and a second key for an associated second lock comprising:
an electrically operable first indicator providing first colour information for

identifying the first key
and
at least one electronic device responsive to a signal associated with the first lock for activating the indicator to identify the first key,
and
an electrically operable second indicator providing second colour information for identifying the second key
and
at least one electronic device responsive to a signal associated with the second lock for activating the indicator to identify the second key.

Claim 75 (new)

75. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 74 wherein the first and or second keys are attached to the system.

Claim 76 (new)

76. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 74 wherein the first and second indicator are located at distinguishable positions and the first indicator is for association with the first key preferentially to the second key and the second indicator is for association with the second key preferentially to the first key.

Claim 77 (new)

77. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 76 wherein the first and or second indicator independently produce a first distinguishable colour at a first time and a second distinguishable colour at a second time and preferably wherein at least one distinguishable colour related to the first indicator is distinct to at least one distinguishable colour related to the second indicator.

Claim 78 (new)

78. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 77 wherein:

the first indicator is for association with at least one key additional to the first key and the first key is colour coded with a colour associable with said first distinguishable colour and the additional key is colour coded with a colour associable with said second distinguishable colour; and or

the second indicator is for association with at least one key additional to the second key and the second key is colour coded with a colour associable with said first distinguishable colour and the additional key is colour coded with a colour associable with said second distinguishable colour.

Claim 79 (new)

79. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 74 wherein the first and second indicators are provided in part at least by a shared location providing distinguishable: first colour information at a first time and second colour information at a second time.

Claim 80 (new)

80. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 79 wherein the first key is associable with the first colour information and the second key is associable with the second colour information.

Claim 81 (new)

81. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 80 wherein the first key is colour coded with a colour associable with the first colour information and the second key is colour coded with a colour associable with the second colour information.

Claim 82 (new)

82. An electrically operable system as claimed in claim 81 further comprising at least one of: PDA, mobile phone, cellular phone, electronic key fob, portable key grouping device, personal computer.